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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:  
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS  
COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE STRUCTURING OR PERMITS AND  
FEES UNDER THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than February 1, 2006,  
2      the Department of Consumer Protection shall, in accordance with the  
3      provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint  
4      standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
5      matters relating to general law on the most feasible manner to  
6      restructure the current permit system under the Liquor Control Act by  
7      January 1, 2008, such that businesses with similar activities are  
8      grouped under a single type of permit while the current three tier  
9      system of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers is retained. Such  
10     report shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations on how:  
11     (1) The existing permit structure for retail establishments may be  
12     restructured to reflect distinctions between establishments that are  
13     authorized to sell alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises and  
14     establishments that are authorized to sell alcoholic liquor for  
15     consumption off the premises, (2) the current permit structure for retail

16 establishments may be restructured to create a permit system that  
17 categorizes on-premises consumption retail establishments based upon  
18 the primary activity and food service requirement of such permittee,  
19 such as primarily drinking with food service optional, primarily dining  
20 with full food service required and other primary activity, (3) the  
21 current permit structure for off-premises consumption retail  
22 establishments may be restructured into two categories of primarily  
23 alcohol and primarily grocery, (4) any such new structure may permit  
24 the issuance of provisional licenses and endorsements by the  
25 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to limit the type of alcohol sold  
26 by a permittee, the number of permits that may be held by a permittee  
27 or any restriction on the operation of any permittee.

28 (b) Not later than February 1, 2006, in accordance with the  
29 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the Department of  
30 Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Department of Revenue  
31 Services, shall report to the joint standing committee of the General  
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to general law on any  
33 statutory changes required to implement, by January 1, 2008, a permit  
34 fee structure under the Liquor Control Act that includes a minimum  
35 fee for all annual commercial permits, to cover the costs of processing  
36 such permit application and conducting a routine inspection of such  
37 permittee, a suggested volume-based fee for such permittee and  
38 requires such permittee to pay the greater of the two fees. Such report  
39 shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations for: (1)  
40 Reasonable fees for temporary permits and permits issued to charitable  
41 and nonprofit organizations, (2) the most accurate and comprehensive  
42 source of information upon which to base a volume-based fee for  
43 commercial permittees, and (3) the appropriate permit fee for all  
44 commercial permittees that will generate total revenues equal to or  
45 greater than current revenues from such permit fees.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***PRI***      *Joint Favorable*

***LM***      *Joint Favorable*

***GL***      *Joint Favorable*